

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

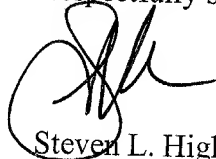
Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 1, with the following:

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A marked-up copy is attached as Appendix A.

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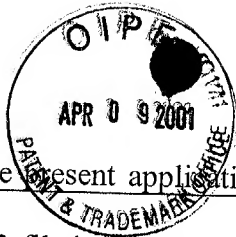
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